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Lincoln Rotary #14 meets every Tuesday at Noon, US Bank Building, Nebraska Club, 233 S. 13th St. 20th Floor.

TUESDAY, MARCH 22 — **DEB MCCASLIN,** “TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THIS VERY SMALL WORLD OF OURS”

Deb McCaslin, Publisher of the Custer County Chief, believes in trying to make a difference in this very small world of ours. Her story began when she was covering a Rotary District Convention. Anita Stangl, Alliance for Smiles CEO, was the guest speaker. By the end of the evening Anita asked Deb if she would travel to China to take pictures, help with grant paperwork, and write the stories of the children. Now, she's lived overseas — Taiwan, the Philippines, and Germany twice. She says she expected there to be differences. What she didn't expect was the discovery of how alike we all are. Mothers are mothers across the globe. They all want what is best for their children. And these are mothers of children, who without the surgery, are destined for a life of ridicule.



Deb McCaslin with a baby in the hospital in Wenzhou China

Deb has been on trips once a year since ... Shenyang, Wenchou, Harbin, China; Accra, Ghana and this June will go with the team to Zimbabwe. She says, “I'm just one person of many on the trip. I am humbled I get to go. Alliance for Smiles is an incredible organization. I know the board members, I know how the moneys they receive are used. I can't do the surgeries, or the nursing, I'm not qualified, those are the true heroes of the trip; but I can take the pictures and share the stories of the children. It's all about the children. Everyone who goes on the trip is a volunteer. No one is paid, including the surgeons. All non-medical folks, like me, pay their own way, cheerfully, gladly, and humbly.

LAST WEEK

Our speaker, Howard W. Buffett Jr., is currently working in Afghanistan with the Department of Defense helping to build agriculture-based stability near combat areas. Buffett is back in Nebraska and the states to witness his grandfather receiving the Congressional Medal of Honor and to attend the statehood dinner, which honored Allen Beermann.

Buffett gave an impassioned speech about the strength, courage and sacrifice that founded our country and guided the difficult decisions that needed to be made in previous generations. He talked about the parallels that the Rotary Club has to the ideals of our nation... *Service Above Self*. But he also called on all of us to honor that sacrifice and courage by holding our leaders accountable. To not allow leadership to make decisions based on career vs. the good of the nation. To challenge our media when they turn our most challenging and complex issues into entertainment, and to demand complex solutions for complex problems. He reminded the group: “Those who profit most serve best.” Buffett said that we are at the commencement of our nation. That we must look what others have done and be accountable to what has been done and to honor the principles that make our country and its' leaders unique. Our anger should not be directed at our leadership but at ourselves, and our energy should not be spent lamenting what is broken but finding workable, yet difficult solutions. “Our ideals must be met with action and when we do this, we do it for the benefit of all.”

CLUB BUSINESS

Second Reading: Anita B. Crisp
with Nebraska United Methodist Foundation
Management and Administration/Foundation Executive
Proposed by: **Brad Harse**

Second Reading: Zachary Rustad
with Nanonation Inc.
Computer and Information Systems/Account Executive
Proposed by: **Sharon Wherry**

Presiding: Susan Stibal	Song Leader: Tari Hendrickson	Cashier: Don Kucera	Reporter: Wendy McCown	Greeters: Tim Brusnahan & Jim Preston
Secretary: Mike Lindberg	Program Host: Allen Beermann	Pianist: Mike Lindberg	Sgt.-at-Arms Finemaster: Randy Hawthorne	Sgt.-at-Arms Set-up: Melanie Whittamore-Mantzios & Erin Pemberton

<u>BirthDay Books: Honoree</u>	<u>Book Title</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Donor</u>	<u>BirthDay</u>
Howard W. Buffett	<i>It's All About You: Writing Your Own Journal</i>	Nancy Loewen	Eastridge	Susan Ugai	4-Jan
Howard W. Buffett	<i>Dewey: There's a Cat in the Library</i>	Vicki Myron	Elliott	John E. Wolter	23-Jan
Corky Halstead	<i>Clementine: Friend of the Friend of the Week</i>	Sara Pennypacker	Everett	Maury Halstead	7-Jan

CALENDAR

A complete calendar is available on our website –
www.rotary14.org

March 22

- **Deb McCaslin**, Publisher, Custer County Chief, "To Make a Difference in This Very Small World of Ours", Allen Beermann Host
- Red Badge to Blue Badge Ceremony

March 23, 24 & 28

- Serving at the Gathering Place, 4:45 pm

March 24

- NEOS Meeting, Noon, Terrace Grille in the Cornhusker Marriott, International Service, Group Study Exchange; District Conference

March 26 (Saturday)

- End Polio Now Day, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Russ's Market 33rd & Hwy 2, Super Saver 56th & Hwy 2, Wal-Mart 90th & Hwy 2

March 29

- **Salute to Business**, honoring Assurity Life Insurance Co. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Program begins at Noon at The Cornhusker Marriott; Reservations required \$25

April 5

- **David Livingston**, Ethics, Sheila Odom Host

April 12

- **Ben Sasse**, President/CEO, Midland University, Andrew Loudon Host

April 19

- **Brad Elder**, Professor, Doane College, "Water Wells in Africa", Phil Heckman Host

April 26

- **Rex Amack**, Director, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, Alan Hersch Host

May 6-7

- **Rotary District Conference**, Holiday Inn Central, Omaha

May 21-25

- Rotary International Convention, New Orleans, Louisiana, USA

Other Lincoln Club Meetings:

Lincoln Sunrise Rotary meets on Tuesdays at 7:00 a.m. at IHOP Restaurant at 4501 N. 27th St.

Lincoln East Rotary meets on Wednesdays at 11:45 a.m. at Valentino's, 70th & Van Dorn

3/23 *Sylvana Airan, UNL, "The Life of a Christian Living in Pakistan"*

Lincoln South Rotary meets on Fridays at Noon at The Knolls, 22nd & Old Cheney.

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

Nicki Klein from Lincoln South.

Kay Orr, guest of **Bill Orr**.

Darlene Miltner, guest of **Don Miltner**.

Don Hutchens, guest of **Lynn Jones**.

Linda Beermann, Lili Thomas, and Michael Yesilciman, guests of **Allen Beermann**.

Betsy Strain, Andy Strain, Jerry Smith, and Yotom Mann, guests of **Bill Strain**.

Tim Gergen, guest of **Lowell Berg**.

Gerry Finnegan, guest of **Susan Stibal**.

Zac Rustad, guest of **Sharon Wherry**.

Denis Boyle, guest of **Dan Wherry**.

Cheryl Zach, guest of **Barbara Zach**.

Jim Matya, guest of **Doug Carr**.

Lori Thomas, guest of **Kevin Thomas**.

PRESIDENT'S INSPIRATION

Welcome to Rotary! We've got some incredible members. For example...did you know?

Scott Larson — Met his wife in Papua, New Guinea when he was in second grade. Scott is an amateur radio operator (like me) and enjoys house remodeling. He got his private pilot's license while in high school.

Helen Sellentin — She also has her pilot's license and attended Ronald Reagan's Presidential inauguration in DC. Of course Jerry, her husband, loves to surprise her with birthday presents like race car driving school and their trip on Nebraska's submarine in May 2011.

Bill Stephan — His great great grandfather was a Nebraska homesteader in the 1870s. Bill is also a singer and was featured in 20 musical productions in Idaho and one of his favorite hobbies – you guessed it - karaoke.

Bev Austin — Born in Omaha to an Air Force family, Bev attended nine or ten schools growing up. She retired after 23 years in animal health pharmaceuticals and she once had a near death experience involving a very angry hippopotamus in Botswana.

These are just a few of our incredible members. Please set aside some time this week to talk with your business colleagues about Rotary. Do you know someone who would make a great Rotarian? Propose them for membership. Our goal is to recruit at least 10 more new members by the end of June. Please help us achieve this goal.

— President Susan

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rotary Goes to the Symphony — On Tuesday, we were treated to some special music by **Andy Strain** on trombone, with accompaniment by **Barbara Zach**. You can hear more and join fellow Club #14 members at the symphony that features Andy Strain, son of Club #14 member Bill Strain, on Saturday, March 19. Visit www.rotary14.org/fellowship or contact:

— *Randy Hawthorne, 437-0111, randy.hawthorne@firespring.com*



End Polio Now Day — We still have slots to fill for our End Polio Now Day drive on March 26. Times available for one-hour shifts are from Noon on at Super Saver 56th & Hwy 2 or Wal-Mart 90th & Hwy 2; and from 3-4 pm at Russ's Market 33rd & Hwy 2. Money still needs to be raised to meet the Gates Challenge and achieve Rotary's goal of eradicating polio. Please check your calendars and plan to sign up on Tuesday, or contact:

— *Dan Wherry, 475-8433, dew@mattsonricketts.com*

Salute to Business — On Tuesday, March 29, 2011, the combined Rotary Clubs of Lincoln, Nebraska will host the annual Salute to Business Luncheon honoring Assurity Life Insurance Company and its employees for their contributions to the city of Lincoln and the State of Nebraska. The luncheon will be at The Cornhusker Marriott. Sponsorships are available for \$500, corporate tables for \$250, and individual tickets are \$25.



Earthquake and Tsunami Fund — In response to the massive earthquake and tsunami that struck Japan on March 11, The Rotary (International) Foundation has established the Rotary Japan and Pacific Islands Disaster Recovery Fund, which will support recovery projects in the affected areas. Rotarians can contribute to the fund. More information on the fund is available online at www.rotary.org. A couple points to note are: 1) funds contributed will not be used for immediate disaster relief, but rather for recovery efforts via matching grants in the future; and 2) contributions are not eligible for Paul Harris Fellow recognition. The Foundation will begin accepting donations online in the coming days, or contributions can be given to Mary Buckley to forward to the Foundation on your behalf.